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BEGIN SUMMARY. NORWAY REACTS POSITIVELY TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE BUT CONSIDERES IT VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THAT INITIATIVE THAT THE US TAKE THE NEXT STEP AS WELL. THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY' S PLANNING DEPARTMENT TOLD VISITING STATE DEPT OFFICIAL GROENNINGS LAST WEEK THAT, IN NORWAY' S VIEW, WHAT THE US DOES AT NEXT MONTH' S NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN WILL BE CRUCIAL. HE BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE US NOW TO SIT BACK AND AWAIT A RESPONSE FROM THE NINE EUROPIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS. RATHER, HE FAVORS THE PRIMACY OF THE NATO FORUM FOR CONDUCTING THE FORTHCOMING TRANS- ATLANTIC DIALOGUE AND BELIEVES THAT THE US MUST TAKE THE LEAD IN PROPOSING A PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK. END SUMMARY

1. AT A MAY 24 WORKING LUNCHEON ON THE OCCASION OF EUR POLICY PLANNING DIRECTOR SVEN GROENNINGS' OSLO VISIT N EINAR ANSTEENSEN GAVE GROENNINGS AND AN EMBOFF A THOUGHTFUL REACTION TO DR KISSINGER' S APRIL 23 SPEECH. ANSTEENSEN, FOR MANY YEARS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY' S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE NEWLY- CREATED DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH IN THE MINISTRY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

2. DRAWING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO REMARKS BY PRIMIN KOR- VALD IN A MAY DAY SPEECH (TEXT REPORTED IN OSLO A-125) , ANSTEENSEN SAID HE HOPED THE US HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE NORWEGIAN RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE HAD BEE " MORE POSITIVE" THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS REACTION BOTH TO THE TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE TO NORWAY OF THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE FACT THAT REJECTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET AS HEIGHTENED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NATO FOR NORWAY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE EMPHASIZED FOR GROENNINGS' BENEFIT THE STRONG PRO- NATO DECLARATIONS EMANATING FROM THE CURRENT ANTI- EC GOVT OF NORWAY, AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC OPINION POLLS SHOWING INCREASED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO AFTER LAST FALL' S REFERENDUM ON COMMON MARKET MEMBERSHIP.

3. DESPITE HIS POSITIVE APPRAISAL OF HE KISSINGER INI-
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TIATIVE, ANSTEENSEN BROUGHT OUT THREE MAJOR CONCERNS DURING THE COURSE OF THE LENGTHY DISCUSSION:

A. FIRST, HE BELIEVES T AT THE US MUST TAKE NOT ONLY THIS STEP BUT THE SECOND STEP AS WELL, RATHER THAN COUNT- ING TOO MUCH ON A PROMPT RESPONSE FROM " EUROPE." GROENNINGS NOTED T AT HE HAD RECEIVED INDICATIONS DURING HIS CRECENT

VISIT TO THE HAGUE THAT THE EC NINE ARE BEGINNING TO THINK
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COLLECTIVE RESPONSE, AND HE
EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT AN EARLY REPLY FROM HE
NINE WOULD BE DESIRABLE, EVEN IF IT WERE ONLY IN GENERAL
TERMS AND NOT AN ALL- ENCOMPASSING DOCUMENT. ANSTEENSEN
THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL
OF THE NINE ARE INTERESTED
IN STRENGTHENING THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP AND THAT SOME--
HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE FRENCH-- WOULD DRAG THEIR
HEELS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE EC DID NOT CARRY THE DIA-
LOGUE FORWARD. HE STRONGLY URGED THAT THE US RETAIN HE
INITIATIVE, AND HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WHAT THE US
DOES AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN
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